passports and approach the concerned Governments for evacuation and other assistance. However, the Government remains vigilant and prepared to extend all required assistance to the people of Indian origin.

*[Translation]*

**Shipping Activities in West Bengal**

3414. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the shipping activities on port situated in West Bengal likely to be closed due to decrease in the level of water in the Ganga River;

(b) if not, the number of ships loaded and unloaded at that port during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(c) the reasons for continuous decrease in water of Ganga and loading and unloading of ships thereof; and

(d) the scheme prepared by the Government for the development of this port?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of ships loaded and unloaded during 1995-96 and 1996-97 (April, 1996 to Feb., 1997) are given below :

| | 1995-96 | 1996-97 (April, 96 to Feb., 97) |
|---|---|---|
| Calcutta Dock | 836 | 852 |
| Haldia Dock | 805 | 804 |

(c) The uneven distribution of flow during monsoon and non-monsoon periods of the year, constraints in storage development, and diversion of water for irrigation and other purposes during dry season without supported by storages cause decrease in flow.

(d) Calcutta Port Trust has prepared and number of capital river regulatory and dredging schemes which have been proposed for inclusion in 9th Plan.

**Loading/Unloading on Ports**

3415. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of major ports functioning in the country with locations thereof;

(b) whether loading and unloading on these port have been increased during the last three years;

(c) if so, the quantity of goods exported and imported through these ports during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(d) whether loading and unloading of goods in the said ports have decreased in the current year in comparison of last years; and

(e) if so, the names of such port and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : There are 11 Major Ports functioning in the country. The names of these Major Ports and their locations are given below :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Calutta/Haldia | - | West Bengal |
| Paradip | - | Orissa |
| Visakhapatnam | - | Andhra Pradesh |
| Madras | - | Tamil Nadu |
| Tuticorin | - | Tamil Nadu |
| Cochin | - | Kerala |
| New Mangalore | - | Karnataka |
| Mormugao | - | Goa |
| Jawaharlal Nehru | - | Maharashtra |
| Bombay | - | Maharashtra |
| Kandla | - | Gujarat. |

(b) and (c) The loading and unloading on these 11 Major Ports has increased during the last three years. The quantity of cargo exported and imported through these Major Ports during the financial years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as under :-

*Cargo traffic at Major Ports*

(In million tonne)

| Year | Import* | Export* | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 100.49 | 78.77 | 179.26 |
| 1994-95 | 113.92 | 83.34 | 197.26 |
| 1995-96 | 126.63 | 88.70 | 215.33 |

* Import and export figures include Coastal traffic also.

(d) No, Sir, The total traffic handled in 11 Major Ports in the first ten months of current financial year was 185.00 million tonnes as against the 175.81 million tonnes handled during the first ten months of the last financial year.

(e) Does not arise.

*[English]*

**Infrastructural Facilities in Tripura University**

3416. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :
SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Tripura has submitted any project for building up infrastructural facilities in Tripura University; and